(*d*) whether any arrangements have been made to remove the silts from river beds and water courses by dredging ; and

(*e*) whether there is any arrangement by which the work of the Irrigation and the Agricultural Departments are co-ordinated ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (*a*) Not as a whole but only in a few localities.

(*b*) No special enquiries have been instituted.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes ; when the ryots have prayed for as per Irrigation rules.

(*e*) No ; but each department contributes its own share by affording facilities and instructions for the betterment of cultivation.

Amalgamation of the Maramat with the P. W. Department.

102. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of actual saving made in the year 1113, in salary and allowance of officers and establishment on account of the amalgamation of the Maramat Department with the P. W. D. ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : The amount of actual saving made in the year 1113, in salary and allowances of officers and establishment on account of the amalgamation of the Maramat Department with the P. W. D. is Rs. 16,770 as per statement below:

		Expenditure.	
		1112.	1113
		Rs.	Rs.
Salaries	...	16,234	1,280
Establishment	...	28,967	27,421
Allowances	...	6,013	3,491
Contingencies	...	3,780	6,032
Total	...	54,994	38,224

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from Government whether they are aware of representations made during the last Budget Session regarding the re-establishment of the Maramat Department as an independent one ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : Yes, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Government have taken any definite action in respect of that ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : No, Sir. But I may say that the re-constituted Maramat Department has been working very satisfactorily.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Government have considered those representations and come to any final decision ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : No, Sir.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government the exclusive function of the Maramat Department before it was amalgamated?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Looking after Maramat work.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know who is supervising the work of repairs etc, to temples?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The Division Officers in charge of respective divisions are attending to repair work. Formerly the Maramat Department was supervised by one Executive Engineer. Now there are five Executive Engineers with their respective Sub-Division Officers for supervising the work of the Maramat Department. It is the opinion of the Government that the work now done is quite satisfactory.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Before the amalgamation of the Maramat Department was not only one officer attending to the work of supervision of the Department?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether there are Executive Engineers and their assistants who are not permitted to enter into temples for attending to repair work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes, Sir. In such cases other arrangements are made for looking after repair work.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Is it not a fact that check measurements in respect of works involving an estimate of 2 lakhs and over were not allowed by the Division Officers of the respective jurisdiction?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: No, Sir. In such cases, the work will be undertaken by responsible Division Officers.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the amount that was surrendered last year out of the budget allotment in respect of this Department?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I claim notice.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the method by which supervision work is carried out when the Division Officers are out of station?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The Division Officer will supervise the work and in his absence the Sub-Division Officers under him will attend to supervision work.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Is it the opinion of the Chief Engineer that the supervision work carried on by the Sub-Division Officers will be quite satisfactory?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reason for the increase in the amount of contingencies in 1113 for the Maramat Department?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : I claim notice.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : An answer is furnished to that question and therefore may I know whether the Chief Engineer was right in claiming notice ?

PRESIDENT : The Chief Engineer may not have sufficient information to answer this specific question.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : My definite question is what was the reason for such increase in contingencies in 1113 ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : I have not got sufficient information to satisfactorily answer that question and therefore I claim notice.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether as a result of amalgamation, one Executive Engineer had to be declared supernumerary Executive Engineer ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : Yes. That was only for the time being until he was absorbed in the next vacancy.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : What was the amount of salary drawn by him during that year ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : I claim notice.

Pension of Mr. Changanachery K. Parameswaran Pillai.

103. ✱ **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the pension given to Mr. Changanachery K. Parameswaran Pillai, a retired High Court Judge, is stopped ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : The pension in question has been withheld.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know from Government why his pension was withheld ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : The answer will be apparent from the correspondence that has already been placed on the Secretary's table. But for the purpose of further elucidation I may say that it was withheld on the ground that he was regarded as guilty of grave misconduct.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know the nature of the misconduct ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : Sir, Government considered it a grave misconduct on the part of the pensioner to associate himself with a movement which has been and is unconstitutional in its activities and which is carried on in a manner which has a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society advocating civil disobedience and similar movements.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know the nature of the crime he has committed ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : I did not use the word "crime". I said that he was guilty of grave misconduct.

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